

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Janna Taylor, on January 24, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-B Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Janna Taylor, Chairman (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:	Montana Supreme Court DP 1, 1005, 1007, 1001, 1004, 1006, 1005, 4008, 4009, 4005, 4010, 5001
Executive Action:	Consumer Counsel DP 1

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00:00:01 Kris Wilkinson
00:01:03 Rep. Taylor
00:01:07 Ms. Wilkinson
00:01:14 Rep. Taylor
00:01:53 Pat Gervais
00:02:36 Rep. Sesso
00:02:46 Ms. Gervais
00:03:12 Sen. Williams

CONSUMER COUNSEL

DP 1 PRESENT LAW BASE ADJUSTMENTS

00:03:28 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sesso moved DP 1 Present Law Base
Adjustments **BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 5-0.
00:03:49 Ms. Gervais
00:04:01 Rep. Sesso
00:04:52 Rep. Taylor
00:05:14 Ms. Gervais
00:05:52 Rep. Sesso
00:06:30 Ms. Gervais
00:06:52 Rep. Sesso
00:07:10 Ms. Gervais
00:07:26 Rep. Taylor
00:08:06 Lois Menzies, Court Administrator, Montana Supreme
Court

[EXHIBIT\(jgh16a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh16a02\)](#)

DP 1005 RENT FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

00:12:31 Rep. Taylor
00:12:58 Ms. Menzies

DP 1007 MAINTENANCE SERVICES

00:13:59 Ms. Menzies
00:14:06 Rep. Taylor
00:14:12 Rep. Sesso
00:15:01 Ms. Menzies
00:15:29 Rep. Taylor
00:15:39 Ms. Menzies
00:16:12 Rep. Taylor
00:16:27 Ms. Menzies
00:16:45 Rep. Taylor
00:17:01 Rep. Sesso
00:17:29 Ms. Menzies

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00:18:23 Rep. Sesso
00:18:47 Karen Nelson, Director, Court Technology Program
00:20:06 Rep. Taylor
00:20:15 Ms. Nelson
00:21:11 Rep. Taylor
00:21:19 Ms. Nelson
00:21:38 Rep. Sesso
00:22:39 Ms. Nelson

DP 1001 APPELLANT MEDIATOR

00:23:59 Ms. Menzies
00:27:08 Rep. Taylor

DP 1004 PRO SE LAW CLERK

00:27:32 Ms. Menzies
00:29:11 Rep. Taylor
00:29:26 Rep. Sesso
00:29:44 Ms. Menzies

DP 1006 CASA FEDERAL GRANT

00:30:41 Ms. Menzies
00:32:11 Rep. Taylor
00:32:17 Ms. Menzies

DP 1005 RENT FEDERAL BUILDING

00:32:30 Ms. Menzies
00:35:14 Rep. Taylor
00:35:35 Ms. Menzies
00:36:09 Ellen Bush, Executive Director, CASA Montana

EXHIBIT (jgh16a03)

00:37:41 Rep. Taylor
00:37:55 Ms. Bush
00:39:04 Rep. Sesso
00:40:15 Ms. Bush
00:41:04 Ms. Menzies
00:42:05 Rep. Sesso
00:42:41 Ms. Menzies
00:43:25 Rep. Taylor
00:43:43 Ms. Bush
00:44:45 Ms. Menzies

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PROGRAM

00:45:31 Ms. Menzies
EXHIBIT(jgh16a04)

DP 2002 JUDICIAL STANDARDS RESTRICTED/BIENNIUM APPROPRIATION

00:48:01 Ms. Menzies
00:48:42 Rep. Taylor
00:49:04 Ms. Menzies
00:49:42 Rep. Taylor

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

00:50:03 Ms. Menzies

STATE LAW LIBRARY

00:53:44 Ms. Menzies
00:54:25 Rep. Taylor
00:54:35 Judy Meadows, Law Librarian
EXHIBIT(jgh16a05)

DISTRICT COURT OPERATIONS

00:55:44 Ms. Menzies

DP 4008 PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS AND RELATED COSTS

00:58:15 Ms. Menzies
01:00:15 Rep. Taylor
01:00:21 Ms. Menzies
EXHIBIT(jgh16a06)

DP 4009 VARIABLE COST BASE ADJUSTMENT

01:01:01 Ms. Menzies

DP 4005 DISTRICT COURT SAFETY AND SECURITY PROPOSAL

01:02:01 Ms. Menzies

DP 4010 JUDICIAL SUPPORT AND PROBATION STAFF

01:04:31 Ms. Menzies
01:07:17 John Larson, Judge, Mineral County
01:09:56 Sen. Stapleton

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01:10:06 Judge Larson
01:11:08 Sen. Stapleton
01:11:26 Judge Larson
01:12:03 Sen. Stapleton
01:13:12 Judge Larson
01:14:05 Rep. Taylor

DP 4011 REPLACE STATE SPECIAL FOR FUNDING FROM COUNTIES

01:14:13 Ms. Menzies
01:15:36 Rep. Taylor
01:15:48 Ms. Menzies
01:18:00 Rep. Sesso
01:18:23 Brent Doig, OBPP
01:19:19 Rep. Sesso
01:19:50 Mr. Doig
01:20:27 Rep. McChesney
01:20:46 Ms. Menzies
01:21:09 Rep. Sesso
01:21:14 Ms. Menzies
01:21:51 Rep. Taylor
01:22:14 Ms. Menzies

PAY EQUITY PROPOSAL

01:23:17 Ms. Menzies
01:24:27 Rep. Taylor
01:24:44 Ms. Menzies
01:24:49 Rep. Taylor
01:25:11 Ms. Menzies
01:25:40 Rep. Taylor
01:25:47 Ms. Menzies
01:27:23 Sen. Laible
01:29:28 Ms. Menzies
01:29:37 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator's Office
01:31:02 Sen. Laible
01:31:23 Ms. McLaughlin
01:33:13 Sen. Laible
01:33:48 Ms. McLaughlin
01:34:10 Ms. Menzies

EXHIBIT(jgh16a07)

01:36:16 Rep. Taylor
01:36:30 Ms. Menzies
01:37:52 Rep. Taylor
01:38:01 Ms. Menzies
01:39:02 Rep. Sesso

EXHIBIT(jgh16a08)

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01:39:44 Rep. Taylor

01:40:57 BREAK

02:01:32 Sen. Laible

02:01:54 Rep. Taylor

02:01:59 Bruce Loble, Chief Water Judge, Water Court

02:04:51 Rep. Taylor

02:05:08 Judge Loble

02:08:08 Sen. Laible

02:08:32 Judge Lobel

02:12:56 Sen. Laible

02:13:13 Judge Loble

02:13:44 Rep. Taylor

02:13:59 Judge Loble

02:15:24 Sen. Laible

02:15:37 Judge Loble

02:16:09 Rep. Sesso

02:16:22 Judge Lobel

02:17:43 Rep. Taylor

02:18:11 Judge Lobel

02:21:24 Rep. Sesso

02:22:04 Judge Loble

02:22:45 Rep. Taylor

02:23:03 Ms. Gervais

02:23:41 Judge Lobel

DP 5001 WATER COURT RENT INCREASE

02:25:19 Judge Lobel

CLERK OF COURT

02:26:35 Ed Smith, Clerk of the Supreme Court

02:31:42 Rep. Taylor

02:32:24 Mr. Smith

02:33:41 Rep. Taylor

02:33:59 Mr. Smith

02:35:21 Rep. Taylor

02:35:34 Ms. Gervais

EXHIBIT(jgh16a09)

02:36:40 Rep. Taylor

02:36:50 Rep. Sesso

02:36:57 Ms. Gervais

02:37:15 Rep. Taylor

02:39:17 Ms. Gervais

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 P.M.

REP. JANNA TAYLOR, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([jgh16aad.pdf](#))